

Faith at the Center: The Imagine!NDG Framework

“On earth as it is in Heaven.” – Matthew 6:10

1. Introduction: Placing Faith at the Center

Imagine!NDG and the NDG Project are born of a divine inspiration — a call to restore community life around what has always been its rightful centre: **faith**.

In every generation, God raises up people and ideas to reawaken His presence in daily life. This initiative is part of that reawakening. It recognizes that **faith institutions are not only houses of worship**; they are **anchors of human life**, built to feed the hungry, comfort the weary, and remind us that we are one family under God.

The purpose of *Faith at the Center* is to establish a model for how a modern urban community can function as a **Heaven on Earth Community** — where all good works, services, and creative expressions are mediated through the faith institutions already standing in its midst.

If God is renewing the face of the Earth, it begins in places that already bear His name.

NDG (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) is the perfect place to begin. The very name of this community — *Our Lady of Grace* — speaks to divine purpose.

Imagine!NDG is both a **local pilot** and a **global prototype** — a living demonstration of how faith-based cooperation can restore not only the soul of a neighbourhood, but also its food systems, creative culture, and sense of belonging.

2. Vision: Heaven on Earth through Faith

The vision of Imagine!NDG is simple but profound:

To build a model of Heaven on Earth through faith-centred community partnerships that feed the body, mind, and spirit — and to replicate that model worldwide through the ImagineQ Global Community Network.

This vision flows from the conviction that **God desires His people to live in harmony, service, and joy**, and that the institutions founded in His name are the natural channels for that work.

Rather than replacing secular structures, the NDG Project seeks to **renew the role of faith institutions as living centres of community** — where every act of service becomes an act of worship, and every person who walks through the door encounters love, dignity, and purpose.

3. Mission Statement

Imagine!NDG exists to:

1. Unite NDG's diverse faith institutions around a shared mission of service and renewal.
 2. Feed the body through programs like *FeedNDG*.
 3. Feed the mind through education, creativity, and storytelling.
 4. Feed the spirit through worship, music, and fellowship.
 5. Model a sustainable, replicable framework for *Heaven on Earth Communities* worldwide.
- Everything is mediated through faith — because everything begins and ends in God.

4. Organizational Structure

4.1 The Faith Network Model

Imagine!NDG will function as a **network of faith-based community hubs**, linked under a single shared vision.

Each participating institution — whether church, mosque, synagogue, or temple — becomes both a host site and a ministry partner in the broader NDG Project.

Key features of this structure include:

- **Local autonomy, shared mission:** Each faith partner operates its programs in its own way, while adhering to the common principles of service, unity, and faith-centred community building.
- **Interfaith coordination:** An *NDG Council of Faith Partners* will meet monthly to plan events, share resources, and align messaging.
- **Shared identity:** All programs carry the Imagine!NDG or NDG Project brand, symbolizing unity in diversity and a common calling.

The result is not a single organization, but a *living network of faith in action*.

5. Core Programs (All Mediated Through Faith Institutions)

5.1 FeedNDG: Feeding Body and Spirit

Mission: To prepare and serve 100 healthy, joyful, music-filled meals per session, across 12 sessions weekly (Monday–Saturday, lunch and dinner), hosted at four different faith institutions throughout NDG.

Each serving includes:

- Meals sourced from donated and rescued food (e.g., Moisson Montréal, local grocers, restaurants, and gardens).
- Tables set and served with dignity, not charity — every guest treated as a member of the same family.
- Live performances by local musicians and choirs, turning every meal into a celebration of community and hope.
- Faith leaders offering brief reflections, prayers, or blessings before meals — grounding the act of feeding in worship.

FeedNDG demonstrates how **faith and food** are one — both essential for human flourishing.

5.2 The Learning Table

Mission: To make every faith site a centre of lifelong learning and healing.

Workshops and gatherings will focus on:

- Faith-based wellness and mental health recovery
- Nutrition, gardening, and sustainable food systems
- Financial literacy and community entrepreneurship
- Creative writing, music, and storytelling
- “Heaven on Earth” living — practical spirituality for daily life

Facilitators include local clergy, volunteers, educators, and ImagineQ mentors — supported by materials developed under *Noel’s Pen* and the *ImagineQ Toolkit*.

5.3 Imagine!NDG Music & Arts

Mission: To awaken the creative soul of the community through faith-inspired art and music.

Each participating faith institution will host:

- Community concerts and open-mic nights
- Art exhibitions, choir collaborations, and poetry readings
- Interfaith performances celebrating unity through diversity

This program builds bridges between congregations and invites artists to use their gifts as instruments of worship and healing.

5.4 The Marketplace of Grace

Mission: To connect faith, commerce, and creativity in a sustainable ecosystem.

Faith sites will host regular **community markets** featuring:

- Local growers and artisans
- NDG Project merchandise (NDG-logoed shirts, hats, bumper stickers, music)
- A 25% profit-sharing model benefiting franchisees and sustaining ministry efforts

The Marketplace of Grace turns economic exchange into fellowship — a way for believers to support one another materially and spiritually.

6. Communications and Storytelling

Every act of faith deserves to be seen and shared.

Imagine!NDG will document and broadcast its journey through:

- Short videos and music performances shared on social media
- The “Striking Back” and “Noel’s Pen” series, offering daily and weekly reflections
- A dedicated website (linked to the NDGProject.com and FeedNDG.ca platforms)
- Testimonies from volunteers, clergy, musicians, and meal recipients

The goal is not publicity — it is *witness*.

Each story declares: “*See what happens when faith comes alive in community.*”

7. Partnerships

7.1 Faith Institutions

The backbone of the entire initiative. Each one provides sacred space, moral leadership, and the spiritual heartbeat of Imagine!NDG.

7.2 Food Partners

Moisson Montréal, local grocers, restaurants, caterers, and community gardens — ensuring food sustainability and abundance.

7.3 Artists and Musicians

Local performers, choirs, and community ensembles who volunteer their gifts to make every gathering a celebration of joy.

7.4 Volunteers

Recruited through congregations, schools, and the wider NDG community. Trained and supported by ImagineQ materials emphasizing faith-based service.

7.5 Media and Sponsors

Partners who believe in faith-led renewal and wish to help expand Heaven on Earth Communities through storytelling, sponsorships, and replication.

8. Growth Plan: From NDG to the Nations

Phase 1 (2025–2026): The NDG Pilot

- Establish partnerships with four faith institutions.
- Launch FeedNDG with 12 weekly meal sessions.
- Run pilot Learning Table and Music & Arts events.
- Document results and refine the operational model.

Phase 2 (2026–2028): Expansion and Replication

- Develop the *ImagineQ Faith Toolkit* to guide other communities in replicating the NDG model.
- Mentor new faith-based hubs across Montreal and beyond.
- Build interfaith coalitions within the ImagineQ Global Community Network.

Phase 3 (2028 and Beyond): Heaven on Earth Communities Worldwide

- Imagine!NDG becomes the first node in a global network of faith-centred community renewal.
- Faith institutions worldwide adapt the model to their own cultural contexts.
- The result: a living movement of Heaven on Earth Communities — united in spirit, local in action, global in impact.

9. Theological Foundation

At the heart of *Faith at the Center* is a theological truth:

God does His greatest work through His people — and His people are strongest when gathered in faith.

From the early church in Acts, where believers shared meals and possessions in common, to the synagogues, temples, and mosques that have sustained human life for centuries, the pattern is the same:

When God is placed at the centre, *everything flourishes*.

This project is not about institutional religion — it is about divine relationship.

It is about rediscovering faith as the living infrastructure of human community.

10. Closing Reflection: The Call to Imagine

We are called to *imagine* the world as God sees it — reconciled, joyful, and abundant.

We are called to *build* what we imagine — in faith, together.

NDG is not just a neighbourhood; it is the seedbed of a revelation:

that **when faith stands at the centre**, Heaven begins to grow on Earth.

Imagine!NDG is that beginning.

Faith is the foundation.

Love is the method.

Heaven is the goal.